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CURATIVE CARE FOR COMMON ILLNESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector provides over 75 per cent of curative care for common illness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether data from private health providers is not yet included in any disease surveillance system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): As reported by Task Force on Medical Education, 58% hospitals and 81% doctors in the tertiary health care are from the private sector.

(c) & (d): Under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), it is envisaged to involve selected sentinel Private Practitioners to be part of the project so as to detect early warning signals of impending outbreak and epidemics, to facilitate study of disease patterns in the country and to identify new emerging diseases. It is also envisaged to include at least one sentinel private practitioner/private hospital in each surveillance unit at block level to report regularly on specified diseases under IDSP.

Out of 23 States under Phase I & II of IDSP, data from 10 states covering 202 districts included data from private health providers of 67 districts.